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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Abraham Hall

other names PG:62-7

2. Location

street & number 7612 Old Muirkirk Road

☐ not for publication

city or town Beltsville

☒ vicinity

state Maryland

code MD

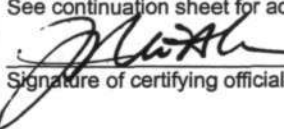
county Prince George's

code 033

zip code 20705

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments).

  
Signature of certifying official/Title

2-1-05  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ Determined not eligible for the National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.

☐ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Abraham Hall (PG:62-7)

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**5. Classification****Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

African American Historic Resources in Prince George's  
County, Maryland**number of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use****Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL: meeting hall  
 EDUCATION: school  
 RELIGION: religious facility  
 RECREATION AND CULTURE: music facility  
 theater

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: business  
 SOCIAL: meeting hall

**7. Description****Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

No style  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK  
 walls WOOD: weatherboard  
 roof ASPHALT  
 other  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

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### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

Abraham Hall, constructed in 1889, is a 3-bay, 2-story, wood-frame, front-gable lodge with a small, 1-story, front-gable addition on its west corner and a substantial 1-story, gable-roof addition on its northeast side. Abraham Hall stands on the northeast side of Old Muirkirk Road in the Beltsville vicinity of Prince George's County. The building occupies a grassy lot with mature trees and is surrounded by wooded areas and scattered houses.

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### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Abraham Hall, constructed in 1889, stands on the northeast side of Old Muirkirk Road in the Beltsville vicinity of Prince George's County, Maryland. Abraham Hall is located at the center of the historic African American community of Rossville. Its secluded setting consists of woodlands to the southwest and northeast and scattered houses to the northwest and southeast. Abraham Hall is set back from Old Muirkirk Road on a 3.85-acre grassy lot with mature trees.

Abraham Hall is a 3-bay, 2-story, wood-frame, front-gable lodge. It has a brick foundation, wood lap siding with cornerboards, and a shake roof with a boxed cornice. A brick chimney rises from the northwest slope of the roof. The main entry is located in the center of the front (southwest) elevation and consists of 5-panel double doors with a drip cap. The 2/2 wood windows have plain surrounds with drip caps, louvered shutters, and cast iron shutter dogs. On the west corner of the building is a 1-story, 1-bay, front-gable restroom addition with a single window on its northwest side. On the northeast side (rear) of the building is a 1-story, gable-roof addition with a concrete foundation and standing-seam metal roof.

The interior of Abraham Hall consists of single large rooms on the first and second floors. The first floor has a wood floor, wide beadboard wainscoting, and drywall upper walls and ceiling with exposed chamfered beams. The window surrounds are molded with bull's-eye corner blocks. The baseboard is simple and recent, and there is no crown molding. A low, shallow stage occupies the northeast addition to the building. An original staircase with a closet beneath occupies the south corner. A recent kitchen has been partitioned off along the northwest wall, and a recent restroom occupies the addition on the west corner. The second floor has the same finishes as the first floor and a wood and glass display cabinet built into the west corner.

Abraham Hall retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling. The building retains its location, setting, and design in its relationship to Old Muirkirk Road and the houses in Rossville. Despite nearby suburban development, it retains a rural, secluded feeling. Both the interior and exterior were carefully restored between 1986 and 1991 using original materials or in-kind replacements.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

### Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ETHNIC HISTORY: African American

SOCIAL HISTORY

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

ARCHITECTURE

### Period of Significance

1889-1964

### Significant Dates

1889: Abraham Hall constructed

1963: social use declined

### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

### Cultural Affiliation

African American

### Architect/Builder

John W. Jackson (builder)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

### Previous documentation on files (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey  
# \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record  
# \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☒ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Prince George's County Planning Department

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### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Abraham Hall, constructed in 1889, is significant for its association with the themes "The end of Reconstruction in Prince George's County, 1872-1896," "*Plessy vs. Ferguson* and the institution of government-sanctioned segregation in Prince George's County, 1896-1913," and "Suburban settlement in Prince George's County: The African American experience, 1896-1964." These themes are set forth in the Multiple Property Documentation for African American Historic Resources in Prince George's County, Maryland. Abraham Hall was constructed by the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, an African American society that was established for the social welfare of its members. Originally known as Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, the building was constructed in 1889 in the burgeoning community of Rossville. Abraham Hall, an excellent example of a multi-purpose building associated with African Americans, served as a meeting hall, a house of worship, a school, and a social hall for African Americans living in a segregated society.

The period of significance for Abraham Hall begins in 1889 with its construction and ends in 1964, the end date of the associated theme, "Suburban settlement in Prince George's County: The African American experience, 1896-1964."



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### RESOURCE HISTORY AND HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Abraham Hall was constructed in 1889 in Rossville, a community of freedmen, most of whom worked at the nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. Abraham Hall was constructed on one of twelve lots in Rossville that were surveyed in 1886 and purchased by African Americans.<sup>1</sup> An article in the *Laurel Advertiser* in 1889 stated:

A portion of the old Duvall estate . . . has recently been subdivided and sold . . . to certain colored people residing in the vicinity of Muirkirk. The land is of excellent quality and the site very pleasant for residences. The Sons and Daughters of Abraham have purchased about five acres of land and have now about completed a very substantial two-story frame building, with ante-room and closets, to be used as a hall in which to hold the meetings of the society.<sup>2</sup>

The same article noted that "Contractor and Builder" John W. Jackson had "two buildings under way (*sic*) at Rossville." Jackson was probably the builder of Abraham Hall.

At the time Abraham Hall was constructed, there were no public social services for African Americans, and freedmen were struggling to establish homes and livelihoods. African American churches and societies provided community and support networks to a people excluded from white institutions. Abraham Hall was originally titled Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham. Like other African American benefit societies, the Benevolent Sons and Daughters was a combination social service and insurance organization that provided emergency financial assistance, death benefits, and other services to its members. The Rebecca Lodge had been chartered in 1877 and included members of Queen's Chapel, also located in Rossville. Abraham Hall and Queen's Chapel remained closely associated for many years.<sup>3</sup>

Abraham Hall provided a safe place of assembly for African Americans barred from much of the world by segregation and white hostility. Like most African American lodges, churches and schools, Abraham Hall housed a number of functions. Over the years, it served as a lodge for the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham and also at times for the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.<sup>4</sup> After the original Queen's Chapel burned in 1899, Abraham Hall served as a

<sup>1</sup> Susan G. Pearl, Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form for Abraham Hall.

<sup>2</sup> *The Advertiser*, October 2, 1889. Quoted in Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form for Abraham Hall.

<sup>3</sup> Susan G. Pearl, Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form for Abraham Hall.

<sup>4</sup> The Odd Fellows was the most popular secret society among African Americans. Its African American membership grew exponentially from the end of the Civil War through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Augustus Meier, *Negro Thought in America*, 137.

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house of worship until the new church opened in 1901. Abraham Hall also served as a school from ca. 1890 until Muirkirk School opened ca. 1922. During the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, the building was the site of concerts, dances, and movies.<sup>5</sup>

Although social activities diminished during the 1960s, Abraham Hall remained in use as a lodge until the mid-1970s. The building was restored in 1986 and rededicated in 1991.<sup>6</sup> The first floor is still occasionally used for social gatherings. The second floor currently houses the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area office.

<sup>5</sup> Susan G. Pearl, Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form for Abraham Hall; Historic Abraham Hall (pamphlet).  
<sup>6</sup> Historic Abraham Hall (pamphlet).



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### MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

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-----, *African-American Heritage Survey, 1996*. Upper Marlboro, MD: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 1996

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 3.85 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1	1 8	3 3 7 9 2 0	4 3 2 5 0 3 2	3							
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing				
2				4							

☐ See continuation sheet**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Betty Bird, Julie Darsie

Organization Betty Bird &amp; Associates

date August 2003

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telephone (202) 588-9033

city or town Washington, District of Columbia

state N/A

zip code 20008

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets****Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name Abraham Sons &amp; Daughters c/o William Jones

street &amp; number 6155 Odell Road

telephone (301) 937-5040

city or town Beltsville

state Maryland

zip code 20705-4102

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The National Register boundary for Abraham Hall is identical to that for Prince George's County Tax Map 14, Lot 81. The boundary encompasses 3.85 acres.

### BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The National Register boundary comprises the original lot on which Abraham Hall was constructed.

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**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of Property 3.85 acres**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing				
2				4							

☐ See continuation sheet**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

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(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

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(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

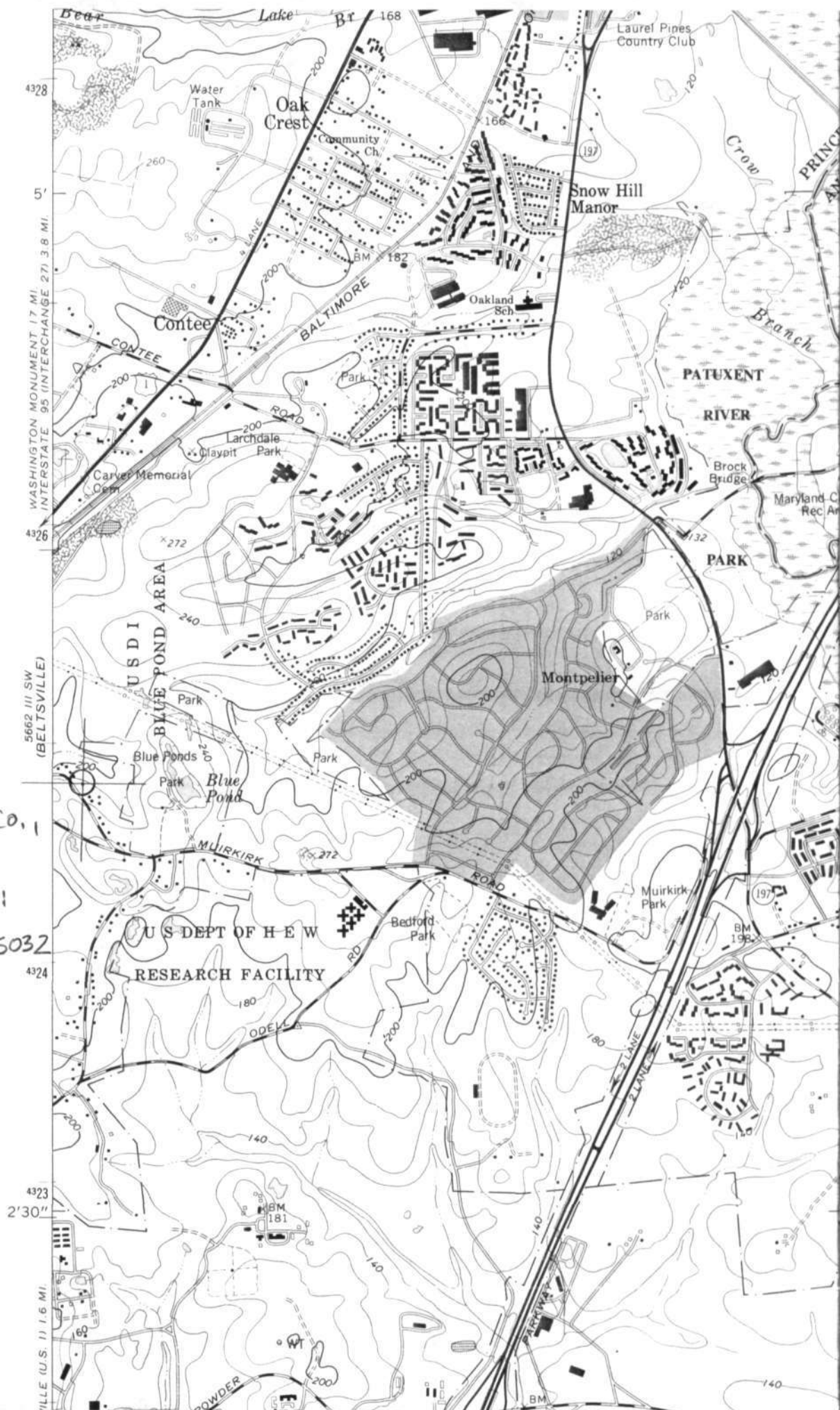
(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name Abraham Sons & Daughters c/o William Jonesstreet & number 6155 Odell Roadtelephone (301) 937-5040city or town Beltsvillestate Marylandzip code 20705-4102

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UTM References :  
18/337920/4325032







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Abraham Hall

Prince George's County, Maryland

Julie Darsie for Betty Bird & Associates

August 2003

MD SHPO

Southwest and Southeast elevations

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Julie Davis For Betty Bird & Associates

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Southern elevation

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2030211 NNN12



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Abraham Hall

Prince George's County, Maryland

Julie Parsic for Betty Bird & Associates

August 2003

MD SHPO

Southwest and northwest elevations. Bathroom addition  
on corner.

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7050211 N N N 12





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Julie Darsie for Betty Bird & Associates

August 2003

MD SHPO

Northwest and northeast elevations

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20030211 N H N 12



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Julie Darsie for Betty Bird & Associates

August 2003

MD SHPO

Northeast and southeast elevations

5 & 6

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Abraham Hall

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Julie Darsie for Betty Bird & Associates

August 2003.

MD SHPO

First floor interior, view to southwest

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham

and/or common Abraham Hall

## 2. Location

street & number 7612 Old Muirkirk Road not for publication

city, town Beltsville Muirkirk, Rossville vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture <u>  </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>X</u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial <u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational <u>  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment <u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government <u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial <u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u>  </u> military <u>X</u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham

street & number c/o William Jones, 6155 Odell Road telephone no.:

city, town Beltsville, state and zip code MD.

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber JWB #9

street & number Main Street folio 207

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974    federal    state X county    local

depository for survey records History Division M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD.



## 7. Description

Survey No. p.G. #62-7

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### Summary Description

Abraham Hall is a two-story frame front-gabled building, with a small one-story gable-roof side wing, and a one-story addition to the rear. It was built in 1889 on a rural lot in the 1888 subdivision of Rossville. The main block is three bays by two bays. Entrance is in the central bay of the principal three-bay west gable end through panelled double doors. Siding of this principal gable end is German. Attached to the north facade, flush with the west gable front, is a small gable-roof kitchen wing.

An early twentieth century one-story rear addition extends the length of the building by one bay. All siding other than the west elevation is of plain horizontal board. Interior consists of one large room on each level, with a two-run enclosed staircase in the southwest corner. Surrounds of windows and doors have multiband molding with bullseye corner blocks, and walls are panelled below the chair rail with beaded wainscoting.

### Description

The Abraham Hall is a two-story frame front-gable structure, with a small side wing, and an addition to the rear. It stands on a rural lot on the old Muirkirk Road in the nineteenth century subdivision known as Rossville.

The main block of the building is 28 feet by 20 feet, two bays by three bays. The principal facade is the west gable end. Entrance is in the central bay of the three bay west gable front, through panelled double doors in a narrow molded surround. Each leaf of the door has five molded panels. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash, they have narrow molded surrounds with a narrow projecting lintel, and dark green louvered shutters. Siding is plain horizontal board, unpainted, on all facades except the west gable front, which is covered with German siding. The gable roof is covered with red asphalt shingle; in seriously deteriorating condition, it is undergoing repairs in 1986. The cornice is boxed with crown molding. A tall corbelled brick stove chimney rises from the north plane of the roof between the two bays. The building rests on a brick foundation; there is no basement.

Attached to the north facade, flush with the west gable front, is a small gable-roof kitchen room, circa 8 feet by 8 feet. A miniature replica of the main block, this small wing has roof ridge parallel to that of the main block. (The present gable roof of the wing is said to have replaced, in the 1940's, the formerly flat roof.) The German siding which covers the gable front of the main block extends across the gable front of the kitchen

## 8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #62-7

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1888/1889 Builder/Architect John W. Jackson

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### Significance

Abraham Hall is the most outstanding example in Prince George's County of a late nineteenth century Lodge, or Benevolent Society building, for blacks. It was built in 1889 at the center of a newly developing community of freedmen who farmed and worked at the nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. The building was known as Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, and membership in the organization assured emergency financial assistance to its black members. Throughout the century of its existence, it has served this function, as well as schoolhouse and Methodist meeting house after the destruction by fire of the first Queen's Chapel. It was the most substantial building in the 1888 subdivision of Rossville, and has remained the focal point of that community.

### History and Support

Abraham Hall is the earliest and most outstanding example in Prince George's County of a late nineteenth century Lodge, or Benevolent Society building, for blacks. The only other (known) surviving example, St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall in Upper Marlboro, is a one-story more modest example, probably constructed several years later than Abraham Hall.

Abraham Hall was built in 1889 at the center of Rossville, a new community of freedmen most of whom worked at nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. Twenty years earlier, local blacks had established a chapel a short distance to the west, on a 1/3 acre parcel of land deeded by William Minnix, a local white farmer. This log chapel, erected in 1868 on the south side of the old road to Muirkirk, was called Queen's Chapel, after Thomas Queen, one of the six founders. Queens Chapel became part of the Bladensburg Circuit of the Washington Conference of Methodist Churches; it was a religious and social center for the black farmers and laborers of the area.<sup>1</sup>

In 1886, the Equity Court of Prince George's County ordered the division and sale of the real estate of the late Mark Duvall of Vansville. A 24.8 acre parcel of Duvall's land adjoined Queen's Chapel on the east; this

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, Item #8.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.85

Tax Map 14, P. 52

Quadrangle name Laurel, Section D

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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Description (continued)

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wing. This small wing has only one window, identical to those of the main block, centered in its north facade. The wing rests on a brick foundation which appears to have been recently reconstructed.

At some time early in the twentieth century, the main block was extended one bay to the east by the construction of a one-story rear wing. Siding, roof and fenestration are the same as in the main block. The foundation, however, is of concrete which is scored to resemble stone. This foundation is badly deteriorated, and open in the rear (east), to a crawl-space under this east addition. There is a door into this addition on its south facade.

Interior of the main block consists of one large room on each story. Surrounds of windows and doors are of multiband molding with bullseye corner blocks. Below the chair-rail, the walls are panelled with beaded wainscoting. On the first story, the room is extended to include a raised stage as the rear (east) end. Differences in construction are apparent in the large first floor room; the floor boards are narrower in the east extension, as are the panels of beaded wainscoting. There is a two-run enclosed staircase in the southwest corner of the room. The staircase rises along the south wall to a landing, then turns 90 degrees and rises along the west wall (lighted by the windows in that gable end) to the second story. The staircase enclosure is panelled with wainscoting of alternating width, differing from that on the lower walls of the main block and rear extension.

The building stands on a 3.85 acre lot which backs on a wooded area and stream. There are no outbuildings.

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parcel was surveyed by William H. Latimer, and divided into 12 unequal lots along the north side of the Muirkirk road. Within a year, the twelve lots were purchased by the families of local blacks, most of whom were employed as laborers at the Muirkirk Iron Furnace.<sup>2</sup> By 1889 structures had been erected on all but one lot. Two of the new owner-residents, Thomas Matthews (lot #5) and (K)notley Johnson (lot #11) had been among the six founders of the Queen's Chapel. Another, Augustus Ross (lot #1), gave his name to the community.<sup>3</sup>

One of the buildings erected in 1888/89 (and the only one which was not a dwelling) was the Rebecca Lodge #6, a two-story frame structure built on the largest of the lots, i.e. the centrally located, 3.85-acre lot #9. This lot was purchased by the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, a fraternal organization which provided emergency financial assistance to members. The Rebecca Lodge had been chartered in 1877, and its charter members were already members of Queen's Chapel. Through membership in Rebecca Lodge, members were assured financial assistance for emergencies, as well as death benefits, thus being provided a kind of insurance otherwise unavailable to blacks during this period.<sup>4</sup>

The lodge which was erected on lot #9 came to be known as "Abraham Hall." It was the largest and most substantial of the buildings erected in that first year: it was assessed in 1889 at a value of \$550, as compared with a range of \$100 to \$450 for the dwellings built in Rossville during the same year.<sup>5</sup> It was probably constructed by John W. Jackson, contractor and builder from Laurel, who is known to have been associated with at least two of the buildings in Rossville in that year. An article (entitled "Rossville") in The Advertiser, published in Laurel, 2 October 1889, gives evidence that Abraham Hall was considered an impressive building from the beginning: "a portion of the old Duvall estate ...has recently been subdivided and sold... to certain colored people residing in the vicinity of Muirkirk. The land is of excellent quality and the site very pleasant for residences. The Sons and Daughters of Abraham have purchased about five [sic] acres of land and have now about completed a very substantial two-story frame building, with ante-room and closets, to be used as a hall in which to hold the meetings of the society. New dwellings are now in course of erection, or have already been completed; for Mr. Ross, John Carter, Philip, Ezekiel and Thomas Williams, Carter Dickson, Notley Johnson, and Robert Taylor." In the same issue Mr. John W. Jackson, "Contractor and Builder, ...on "A" Street near Main, Laurel," is noted as having "two buildings under way at Rossville."<sup>6</sup>

Abraham Hall served not only as a meeting place of the Benevolent Society, but also as a place of worship after Queen's Chapel burned in the 1890's; it continued that function until the second Queen's Chapel, a small frame building, was completed in 1901. Abraham Hall also served as a schoolhouse before the construction of Muirkirk School circa 1922. The Hall was also the scene of many camp meetings for the congregations of Queen's Chapel and the two other churches of the Laurel Charge - St. Mark's and Mt. Zion.<sup>7</sup>



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Abraham Hall is a rare surviving example of the benevolent society halls established in black communities in the post Civil War era. It has for nearly a century been the focal point of a community built by and for blacks, and is an important reminder of local black society in the late nineteenth century.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Deed HB #1:130; Queen's Chapel United Methodist Church 116th Anniversary Book, 1984; pp. 12-19.

2 Prince George's County Equity #1588; Prince George's County Deeds JWB #9:60, 203, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 439, 603; JWB #10:131, 133.

3 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1888-89; Prince George's County Deed HB #1:130; Queen's Chapel U.M. Church, op. cit. pp. 12-29; The Advertiser, 2 Oct. 1889.

4 Prince George's County Deed JWB #9:207; Queen's Chapel U.M. Church, op. cit., pp. 12-34.

5 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1889.

6 The Advertiser, 2 October 1889.

7 Conversations with Marsha Brown, Queen's Chapel historian, 1983-86; Queen's Chapel U.M. Church, op. cit., pp. 12-34.



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JWB#9:207

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23 May 1887

Beginning four perches on the twelfth line of the whole tract of twenty four and eighty eight hundredths acres and running with said road South thirty two degrees east sixteen perches, then with the fourth line of number eight reverse, North fifty two and one fourth degrees East forty five perches to second outline, then North seventy three degrees West two perches, then North sixty eight and one half degrees West fifteen and one half perches, then with lot number ten South fifty three and one fourth degrees west thirty four perches to the place of beginning, containing three and eighty five hundredths of an acre more or less. Being lot number nine described on the plat made by William J. Latimer and filed in the above cause.

# Easement

Circa 1888

P. G. #62-7  
Abraham Hall  
7612 Old Muirkirk Road, Beltsville, Md.  
Priv/Unocc/Meeting/Fair

Abraham Hall is a two-story, frame, gable-roofed building with entrance through paneled double doors in the center of the (main) west gable end. There is a flanking window on each side of this doorway, repeated on the second story. The floor plan is a single large room on both stories, but the first-story room is extended farther to the rear by the addition of a one-story section to the east. Attached to the west (front) end of the north facade is a small closet room, a miniature of the main block, one-story, gable-roofed, and with one window in its north facade.

In 1886, a 25-acre parcel of land adjoining the Negro Methodist Church (Queen's Chapel) and cemetery was subdivided into twelve lots which became the community of Rossville. The largest (3.5 acre) lot was purchased by the Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham. This was a benevolent society, whose members were assured financial assistance for emergencies, as well as death benefits, thus being provided a kind of insurance otherwise unavailable to Blacks during this period. The handsome and sturdy hall was erected in 1888, the largest and most substantial building in Rossville, and as early as 1897 was enlarged by the present one-story addition. Abraham Hall served as both church and school from the time Queen's Chapel was burned (ca. 1890) until it was rebuilt in 1901. The Hall was also the scene of camp meetings for the Methodist churches of the Laurel Charge. Abraham Hall is a rare surviving example of the benevolent society halls established in Black communities in the late nineteenth century.

Easement

P.G. #62-20 Survey No. P.G. #62-7

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Magi No. #1700295610

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Rebecca Lodge #6

and/or common Abraham Hall

**2. Location**

street & number 7612 Old Muirkirk Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Beltsville ☐ vicinity of Muirkirk congressional district 5

state Maryland county P.G.

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber JWB #9

street & number Main Street folio 207

city, town Upper Marlboro state Marylane

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title N O N E

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #62-7

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Abraham Hall is a two-story, frame, gable-roofed building with entrance through double doors in the (main) west gable end. Each leaf of the double door has five panels. There is a flanking window on each side of the door, and on the second story as well. The floor is a single large room on both stories, but the first story room is extended farther to the rear by the addition of a one-story section to the east. This extension allows for a small stage at the east end of the first floor room.

Attached to the west (front) end of the north facade is a small closet room, a miniature of the main block, one-story, gable-roofed, and with one window in its north facade.

Beaded wainscoting is applied all around the large room, below the chair rail. Architraves of windows have bulls-eye corner blocks. A staircase in the southwest corner rises to the second story.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #62-7

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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Black History

Specific dates 1888

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

After Mark Duvall of Vansville died, a 24.8 acre parcel of his land which adjoined the Negro Methodist church and graveyard was surveyed and subdivided in 1886 by Surveyor William Latimer. It was divided into 12 lots, and within a year the lots were purchased by the families of Blacks who were employed at the nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. Lot #9, at 3.85 acres, the largest of the 12 lots, was purchased in May 1887 by the Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham. This was a benevolent society, whose charter members were members of the already established Queen's Chapel; through membership in the Rebecca Lodge, members were assured financial assistance for emergencies, as well as death benefits, thus being provided a kind of insurance otherwise unavailable to Blacks during this period.

A handsome and sturdy building was erected in 1888 by members of the lodge; it was the largest and most substantial building in Rossville, being assessed at \$550 in 1889 (as compared with a range of \$100 to \$450 for the houses built in the same year). By 1897, the building had been enlarged, probably by the one-story addition to the rear (east) which increased the size of the main meeting room.

Abraham Hall also served as both church and school after Queen's Chapel was destroyed by fire circa 1890, until it was rebuilt in 1901. The Hall was also the scene of many camp meetings for the congregations of Queen's Chapel and the two other churches of the Laurel Charge, St. Mark's and Mt. Zion.

Abraham Hall is a rare surviving example of the benevolent society halls established in Black communities during the late nineteenth century. Although presently vacant and deteriorating, it is still a sturdy building and fully restorable.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #62-7

P.G. Co. Deed JWB #9:207  
P.G. Co. Equity #1588  
P.G. Co. Tax Assessments 1888 - 1909

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

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UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Old Schoolhouse

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

7612 Muirkirk Road

CITY, TOWN

Muirkirk (Beltsville) — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a small, one-story wooden building-now a private residence in a small, rural Negro community. Building type is similar to typical area one-room schools.



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

S. 1/2 Sec. 17, T. 17 N., R. 17 E., S. 1/2

1/2 Sec. 17

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Silver Spring

STATE

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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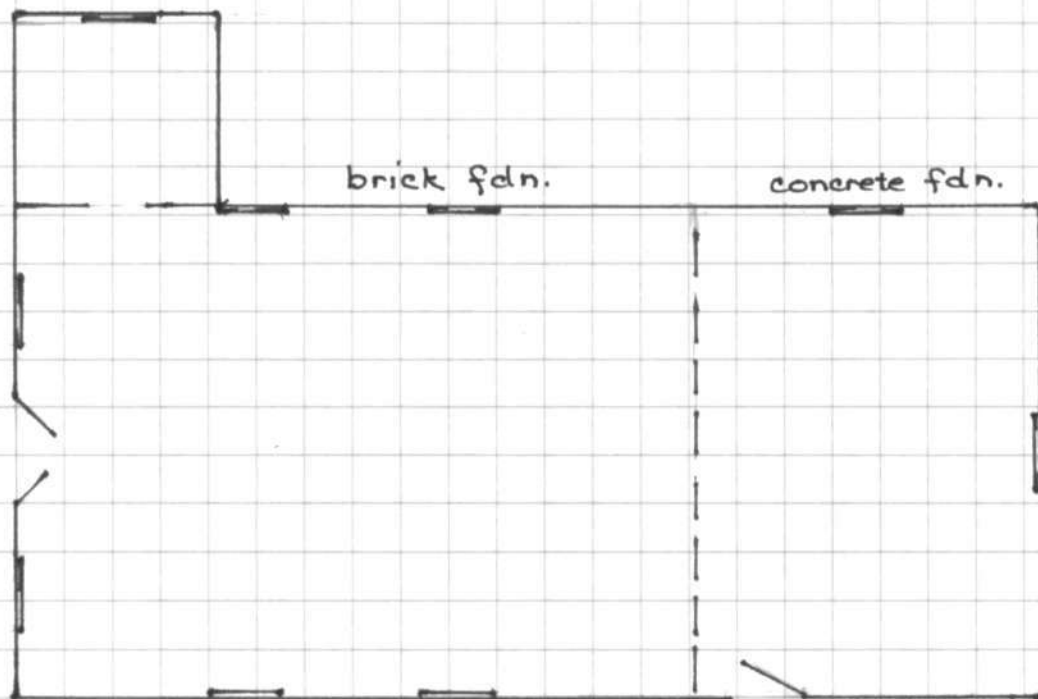
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Perhaps was once a one-room school. These lands belonged to Charles E. Coffin, owner of the nearby Muirkirk Iron Works, in 1878.

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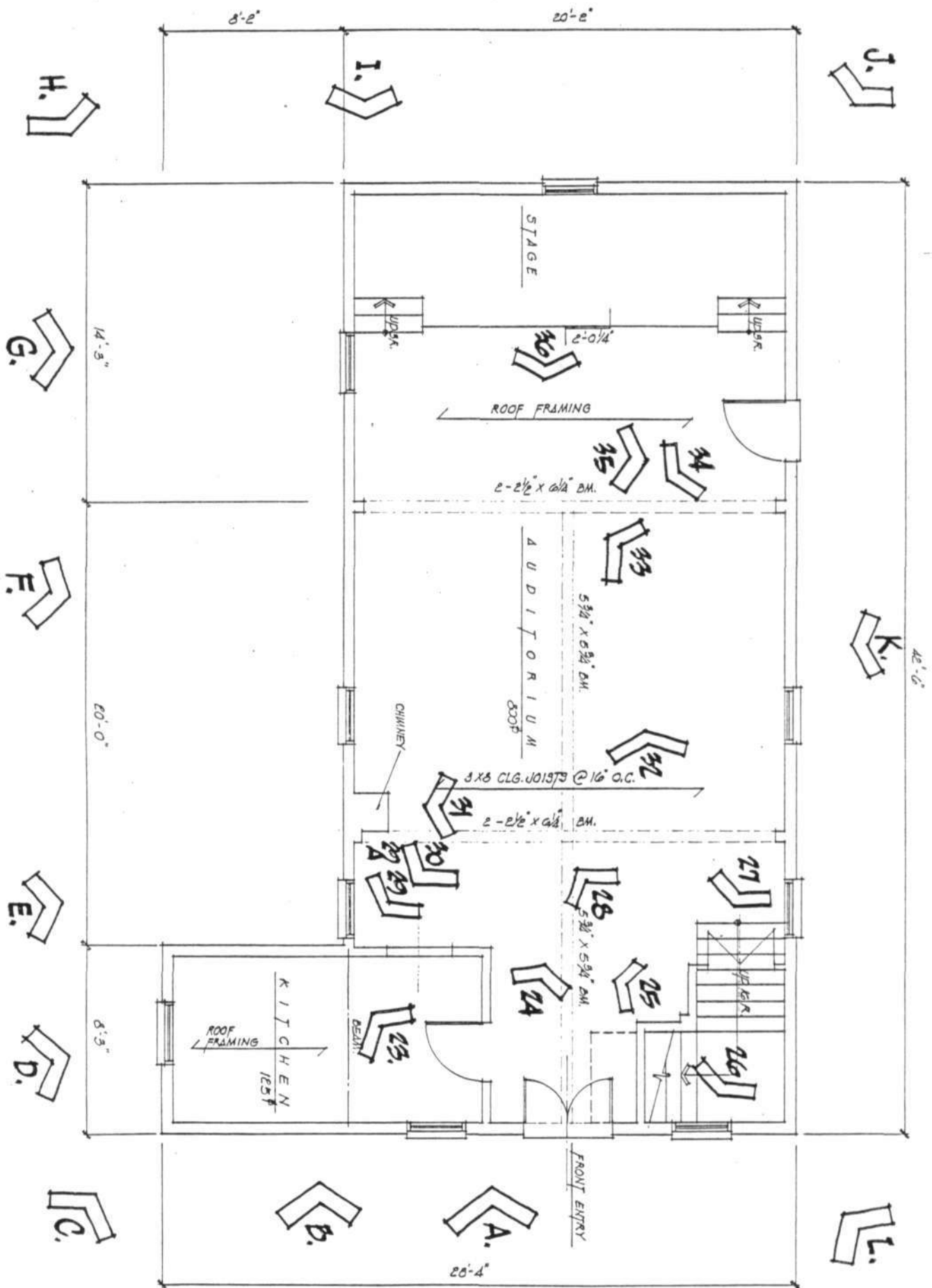
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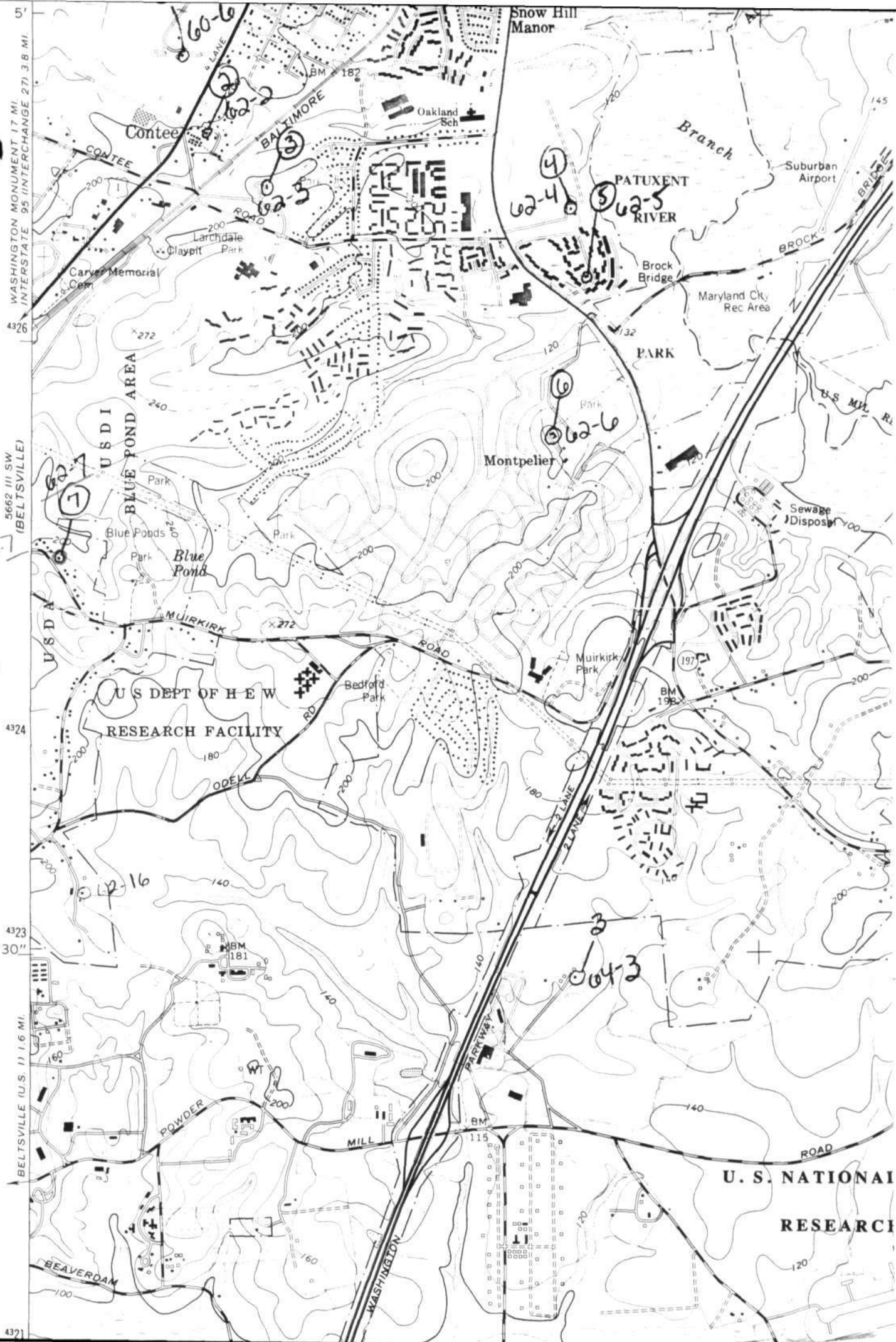
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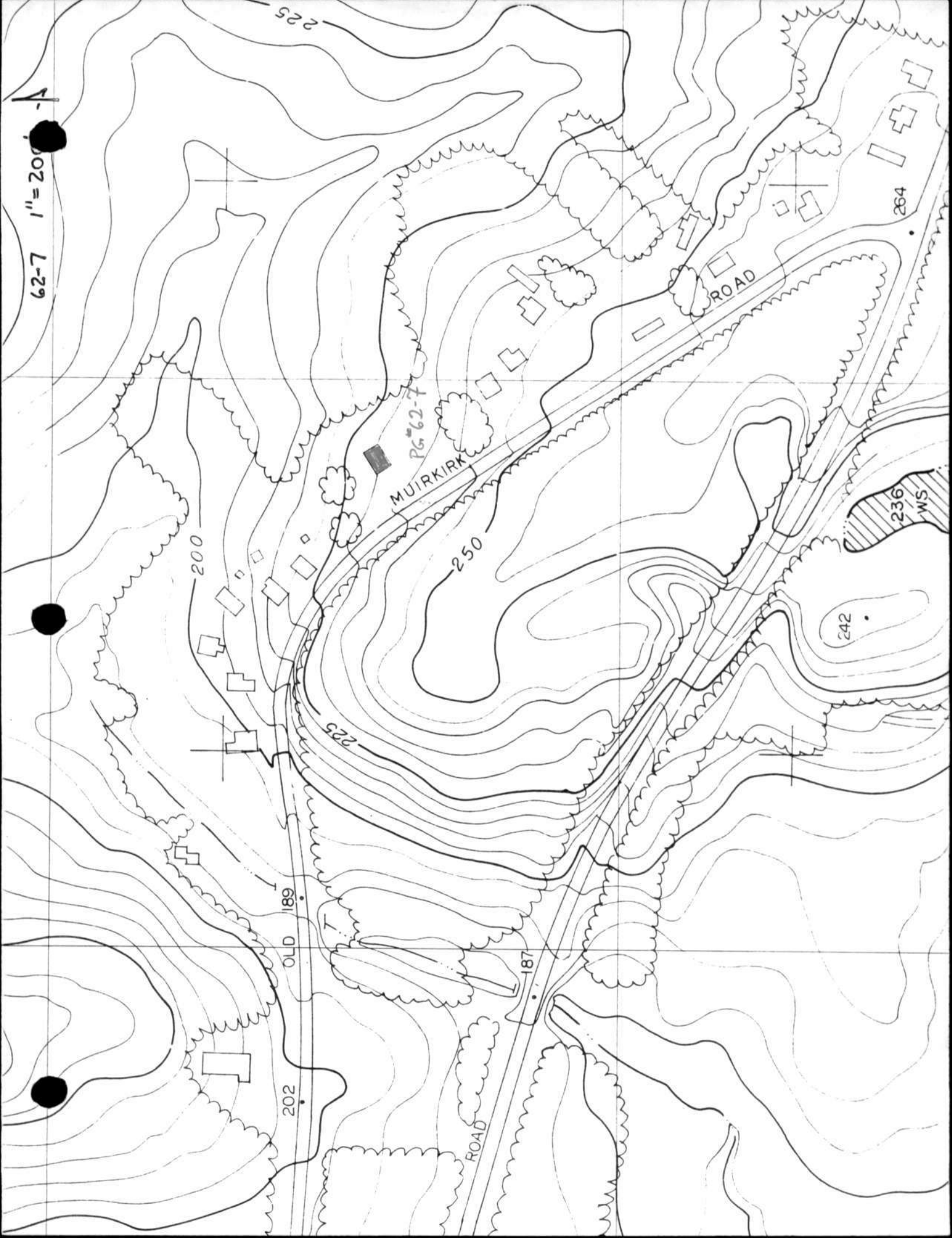
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Northeast 3/4 elevation  
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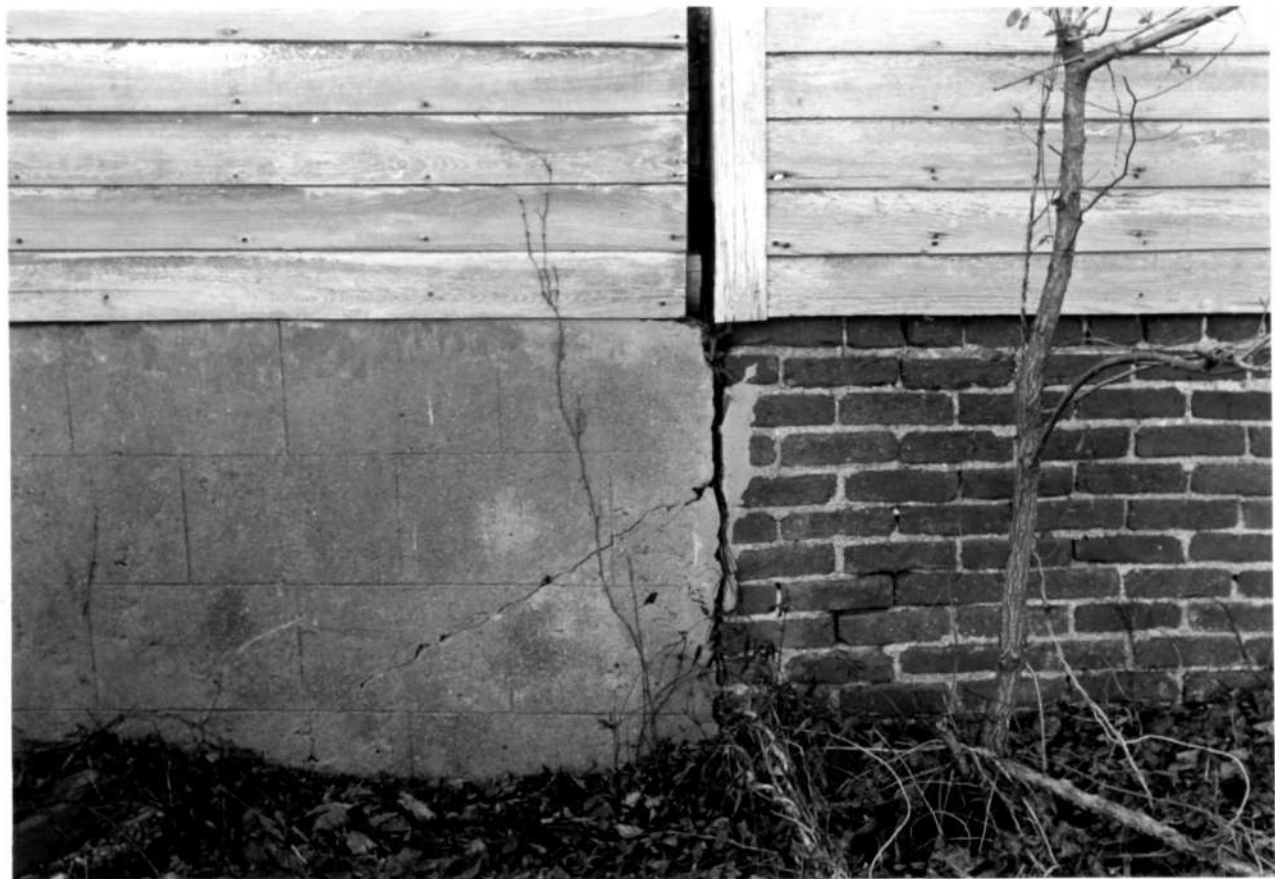
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